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TAGS: PFOR, NASA, MH, US

SUBJECT: STATUS OF NASA STATION

REFS: A. STATE 193549, B. TANANARIVE 1295

1. DURING DISCUSSION OTHER MATTERS SEPTEMBER 1, RAKOTONDRAMASY OF MFA (DIRECTOR, BILATERAL AFFAIRS) MADE REFERENCE TO UNRESOLVED NASA QUESTION AND VOLUNTEERED COMMENT THAT THE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SUPREME REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (CSR) HAD NOT YET AUTHORIZED RESPONSE TO OUR DECEMBER 23 NOTE. HE PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHO IN CSR IS HANDLING THIS ISSUE, BUT HE COMMENTED FURTHER (IN FRIENDLY TONE), THAT GDRM RESPONSE OUGHT TO INSIST ON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION. OTHERWISE, HE CONTINUED, HE COULD NOT FORESEE HOW MATTER WOULD BE SETTLED EVENTUALLY.

2. COMMENT: RAKOTONDRAMASY IS QUITE FRIENDLY TO US, BUT HIS VIEWS DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT CSR ATTITUDE TOWARD NASA ISSUE. NONETHELESS, IT IS INTERESTING THAT HE WENT BACK TO INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION ANGLE SINCE ABOUT SIX MONTHS AGO HE FELT THAT SUCH RECOURSE WAS OUT OF QUESTION AS FAR AS GDRM WAS CONCERNED. SHEINBAUM

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